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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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## Madam:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated December 12, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. In light of these amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the all of the claims of the patent application are patentable, and that the application be allowed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.